

**TUESDAY, March 7th, 1876.**

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ide.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Smith, (Speaker,) Dunbar, Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Hodges, Robinson, Rullman, Bird, Lancaster, Hooper, Baldwin, Whitelock, Curtis, Smith, of Balto. co., Given, Fitzjarrell, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Hance, Gwynn, Cockey, Neal, Purnell, Onley, Riggs, Hinks, Naill, Koons, Rutledge, Boyle, Vandiver, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berkemeier, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, McGlone, Coburn, Stewart, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Chaisty,, Hess, Harig, Albaugh, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Canby, Griffith, Rawlings, Atkinson, Sprigg, Brooke, Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Car'l., Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard, Browning—79.

Mr. Smith, Speaker, presented the petition of Daniel J. Rose and numerous other citizens, praying for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to colored schools.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Ward presented the petition of Jacob Clay, Livingston T. Bennett and 225 other citizens of Cecil county, protesting against the passage of a law prohibiting splashing for pike fish in Elk and Bohemia Rivers.

Which was read and referred to the Cecil delegation.

Mr. Naill presented the petition of Samuel Wolfe and others, for repeal of Section 176, chapter 314, Acts of 1870.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Sprigg presented the petition and protest of 248 of the citizens of Allegany county, against the passage of the bill now before the House of Delegates, restricting Building Associations, &c.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Whitelock presented the petition of 63 lawyers and merchants of Baltimore, asking a change in the usury laws of Maryland.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.